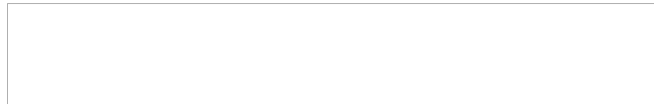


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During the past three years the party has accomplished much more than in 20 previous years. It has been able to weather all the vicissitudes of the KMT's vicious wiles, upheld the guerrilla warfare behind the enemy lines, strengthened the leadership of the Eighth Route and New Fourth Armies, kept up the hopes and confidence of those behind the lines. To the nations we have made it clear in the midst of the international shifts of the last three years that fascist theories must die; that the future of democracies is a victorious one. We have also demonstrated to the allied nations that the real core of anti-Japanese resistance was in those areas controlled by the Eighth Route and New Fourth armies. We have demonstrated to the whole party, the whole army and the whole border area that the reorganization movement has had greater results than anyone anticipated. Valiant armies and steadfast political rulers have revealed great strength. United leadership has secured political ~~unity~~ ^{unity} manifestation of love for the people by the brave troops has united troops, people, rulers, and party. Increase of production has increased self sufficiency, and investigation of cadres has increased party unity. All of this has been accomplished by the party's reliance upon the people's strength, the unity of the party under the central committee's leadership, especially by settled policies and following comrade Mao's leadership. During the three crisis years of that leadership our party has never followed

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the wrong road or lost its way. This is evidenced by the great expansion of these three years and those who opposed or doubted his leadership in the past now acknowledge their error with shamefacedness. The history of the party reveals that Mao Tse-tung's ideas have been the right ones for the party to follow.

Comrades should we not be proud of such a party and such a leader? Nevertheless there are opponents of the party who call for its abolition or its "liberation". They are most likely traitorous fifth columnists of the Japanese. They never said anything before, but now they come out publicly with claims that the Communist International has been done away with, that Communist theories are not adaptable to China, that the CCP no longer has anything to lean on, that it is rent by controversy. Will any believe these demoniacal statements?

Are communist theories unsuited to China? The universal truths of Marxism - Leninism are adaptable to all people, and can change the whole world. Why should China be an exception? Those who make these wild statements are only afraid that we will apply Marxist-Leninist principles to the political and economic situation in China and completely carry out the revolutionary program. We can say to these opponents that not only is the communist principle suitable for China, but that through adaptation and expansion by the CCP leader, Mao Tse-tung, it has met the needs of the Chinese people for liberation and has struck roots in China's soil. Whoever thinks to shake this

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foundation will merely be seeking his own destruction.

Has the CCP nothing to lean on? It is true that the CCP received much instruction from the Communist International but what the CCP leans on is not the International, but the Chinese people. The CCP has grown out of the Chinese laboring class and is preserved by the Chinese people. It is the party of the masses and today has 800,000 members [sic] and 500,000 soldiers [sic], and has formed a true unity with the people in the crucible of war. China's races and people need it. Who can expunge it, "liberate" it? We can tell our opponents that not only can the CCP not be overthrown, but it is eternally established in China. In this day when the Fascist idea is on the road to oblivion, it is not the CCP but Fascist special agent organizations that should be expunged.

They think our party will split into factions like their's have; they do not realize that our party is unified and based on faith, class consciousness, and forced in revolution and is stabilized by a conscious discipline, entirely unlike the KMT.

True the party has made mistakes and has had in it mistaken bad characters, but it is exactly in the melée of overcoming these errors that the party has grown, and become united in ideas and its organization stabilized. Those who make mistakes, but are willing to change will eventually come fully into line, but those who are unwilling to change the error of their ways will be eliminated.

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Ch'ien Tu-hsin and Chang Kuo-tao () were founders of the party, but their dissension resulted in their elimination and this strengthened the party rather than shattered it.

During the past three years under Mao's leadership the party has been united to a greater degree than heretofore. We can tell our opponents that not only will their slanderous opposition not cause the party to be rent asunder, but will arouse us to greater unity and stability. The more difficult our struggle the faster the revolution expands. ~~division came not to the CCP but to its~~
~~opponents.~~

We warn those who would destroy the CCP that it cannot be disrupted or destroyed, because it represents the Chinese people. As long as there are Chinese people so long will there be a CCP; they are inseparable. The power of its Marxist-Leninist theories is great and in 22 years of struggle it has produced comrade Mao Tse-tung; he is the symbol of the people and of the party's victory.

Every devoted member of the party must study Mao's ideas, theories, and actions and in true revolutionary strength proceed to carry the proletarian class war against the ideas of the non-proletarian classes. They must use Mao's line in opposing both open and hidden defeatism, and in the strength of the revolution proceed to struggle against the opponents of revolution.

We have something worth preserving, the party, born of 22 years of intense struggle, the party that has brought racial and social deliverance to the people, the party that all the

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people love, the only party that can save China. We have the Eighth Route and the New Fourth Armies forged in the crucible of fierce struggle. We have the border regions in which there is peace and plenty, we have a base for victory rent from the hand of the enemy in bloody conflict, we have the future of our people and life for generations to come.

We have protective power with 600,000 members and 500,000 troops under party leadership, we have a firm base, 22 years experience in struggle, the support of the people throughout the country, and innumerable cadres, veterans of many struggles. Last and best of all we have Comrade Mao, leader of the party, and China's dependable revolutionary helmsman. The direction he takes is the direction the whole party and the whole people take, he has led us in the midst of terrific struggle to victory and light; we have all the conditions of victory.

Military threats cannot overcome the CCP, divisive policies cannot split it; on the contrary we shall have a closer unity under the general direction of comrade Mao, and we shall be victorious under his flag.

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Our starting point is the purpose of liberating the races and the masses. All of our political aims are based on this, it is our standard of action. Comrade Mao constantly tells our members that if this party cannot accomplish good for the races and the people it is absolutely useless. In a very important

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speech in a border region conference that greatly frightened the Japanese were a number of very important statements *by Mao*:

"National affairs is the public affair of all, not the private affair of one party, consequently party members have only the duty of democratic cooperation with those outside the party and should not monopolize matters by pressure on others. The CCP is a political party dedicated to seeking the *welfare of the people*, ~~advantage~~. The party should follow the directions of the people and most assuredly may not disregard the will of the people. Party members should stand among and not upon the people." This is the basic theory and practice of the CCP.

The CCP has brought about a coalescence of the general truths of Marxism-Leninism with the actual conditions of the Chinese revolution. This result has been in accord with the practical conditions of Chinese society and the experience of struggle endured by the working and peasant masses of the people. The party is always united with the people, arousing their positive strength for struggle, yet maintaining the attitude of a learner, getting its knowledge of how to carry on a revolution from them. The CCP's revolutionary leaders are not carried away by idealism so that they regard the people as mere unthinking, unfeeling automats; on the contrary they recognize the positivism and creative strength of the people; only the people are the real masters of revolutions.

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Because of being so long under reactionary rulers the people are culturally backward and their thinking and strength has not been concentrated. Therefore the people are in dire need of their own political party, their own leaders and pioneers. This sort of party and these pioneers are not on a level above the people, but are among them, sharing their livelihood, learning from them, but also teaching them. The CCP is just this type of political party and this pioneering type of leadership. Hence only the CCP is able to possess the knowledge and theories suited to China's conditions, only the CCP could, since its inception, have led the Chinese people in steady progress through three earth-shaking revolutionary periods, and to have carried on the struggle to this day and to have established a real China of the three people's principles.

None of those accomplishments can be separated from the name of Comrade Mao. The iron realities of today bear witness that only Comrade Mao's practical theory of materialism in accord with the real exigencies of the Chinese situation could lead China in the direction of a bright future with a scientific philosophy.

[TN: The material in this chapter is a group of excerpts from speeches of Mao Tse-tung and writings of Ch'en Po-ta and other CCP spokesmen, apparently not the most recent.]

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